



Minutes for Parent/Carer Forum #4

Date: 11.5.17

PRESENT: Anna Morris (DH), Jane Atkins (Head), Alex Bacon (AH), Samantha Cuffy, Louise Perkins, Sarah Matthews, Faye Stone, Caroline Lovett

ITEM	What did we do or decide?	BY WHEN
Assessment at Nova	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had some feedback about the assessment leaflet that went out at the parent consultations. It was overwhelmingly positive and has been a useful insight into how we assess throughout the school. The format was user-friendly too. We agreed that school will send this out each year, but keep it updated as assessment continues to develop nationally. At an appropriate time, we will put assessment on the agenda once again to update the forum with changes such as baseline assessment in Reception. Watch this space... 	Anna Morris to ensure leaflet is up to date
Finance issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had an interesting discussion about the current crisis in educational funding. Parents tend to feel that as they haven't felt the effects, that it isn't such a worry for them at present. We talked about some of the challenges we face, such as the cuts in SEN funding, the National Funding Formula and how some schools are having to 'manage change' (let staff go). Hopefully, Jo Ferns will be available next meeting to give further insight. Parents felt they would be happy to contribute to things such as swimming in the future, recognising the cost to the school and the reductions we are facing in funding. Communication about why we have to ask for contributions is key here. 	Jo Ferns (School Business Manager) to update at next Forum
Child Mental Health Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you Alex for a comprehensive rundown of the types of things Nova is doing to ensure children understand, age-appropriately, what mental health is and how they can look after their own mental wellbeing. We are on track to be the first school to achieve the Mayor's Mental Health Badge based on the work we do throughout the school. Parents felt that we should be more forward in communicating what we are doing e.g. putting the results of well-being questionnaires. Perhaps the newsletter could have a section? Parents are very pleased the school prioritises these issues. It helps at home and will undoubtedly support children in the future. 	Senior Leadership Team to ensure Mental Health and well-being work is celebrated more. with our families Alex to keep us updated on Mayor's badge.
Social Media review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents really like the Twitter/Facebook pages! They feel there could be even more posted. The website is rarely used now as social media is more instant and easy to navigate. Sometimes, with email, text and social media parents can feel bombarded, but we agreed that at least everyone was being reached, as we don't all use the same things to stay updated. 	Anna Morris to feed this back to staff to ensure all use the sites. Anna Morris to ensure a question about social media/ communication to go on Autumn parent questionnaire.
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents don't want reports emailed. 2:00pm is a good time for meetings 	Anna Morris to send date for meeting in term 6.